

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
October 1, 2023

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Give thanks that we are surrounded by fields of good crops and that many silage piles could be covered. Pray that dry days would allow remaining crops to be harvested. Also pray for safety for those who involved in this work.

Pray for the ministry of ReFrame – Puerto Rico: Pray for Christians like Juanita who regularly read devotions from our Spanish ministry partners. “Thank you for encouraging our hearts and bringing us closer to God by His Word”, Juanita shared. “May God bless you always.”

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keep denominational ministries in prayer. Call the toll-free number: 1-888-CRC-PRAY (272-7729).

Groundwork - A Lesson in Accountability and Consequences - “Every action has a reaction.” “Cause and effect.” “Actions have consequences.” There is truth in these common phrases, but, it is easily forgotten in the moment. Join Groundwork as we study the story of the writing on the wall in Daniel 5 to learn about the relationship between accountability, consequences, and our faith. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com

Village Northwest Unlimited is looking for volunteers! We encourage people of all ages to volunteer. We are looking for people who are interested in a few hours a week! Join with a friend or by yourself and join a great group of volunteers. We have various areas that need to be filled including the Village Treasure Chest, Bible Study, and activities in the residential homes. If you are interested, apply at www.villagenorthwest.org/volunteer or at the Treasure Chest. If you have any questions, call Cassidy Bart at (712) 324-5412 or email cassidyb@villagenorthwest.org

Homeownership Opportunity! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2024 home build in Rock Valley. Application forms are available online at <https://www.siouxlandhabitat.org/> or call 712-224-5117 to receive one. Applications are due October 31.

Timothy Training will begin October 4th and will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Chapel at Calvary CRC. The first lesson is "Great Things with God". Please email Del Walinga at walingadj@gmail.com by Monday, October 2 if you would like to attend.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 3

7:00 p.m. The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

Wednesday, October 4

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Isaiah, Lesson 3

Friday, October 6

7:00 p.m. Do you enjoy listening to inspirational Christian music? If so, please mark your calendars for "An Evening of Praise". Bible League International (BLI) Ambassadors are sponsoring a music concert at the B. J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa. The groups that will be performing are Four for Him, the Klaasens, and Ensemble Royale. There will also be a featured six-handed piano arrangement performed by Trio BDT. A free will offering will be taken for BLI. This year BLI is celebrating its 85th anniversary. Every \$5.00 raised will cover the cost of putting a Bible written in a language that they can understand in the hands of people around the world. Please invite your friends and family to "An Evening of Praise." Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, October 7

5:00 p.m. Matching Fund Event featuring: State Line Country/Gospel Group and meal by Bearded Brother BBQ. Starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Van Peursems Barn. Free will donations with a dollar for dollar match up to \$5000. Make checks payable to *PLI*. Funds go equally to Calvary YU, OC Day Care, & individuals/families to assist with medical costs. Bring a lawn chair for seating. Please RSVP at walingadj@gmail.com.

Advance Notices:

Not sure how to step into conversations about mental health with kids and teenagers? Join us and expert Psychologist Dr. Chinwe Williams at First Reformed Church on Wednesday, October 18 from 6:30-7:30 for SEEN: A Night Equipping You to Help the Next Generation Navigate Mental Health. You can register for this free event at www.frcoc.org/seen or contact Sarah Kuiper at sarah@frcoc.org for more details.

Dordt University student Alice Ymker will present a senior violin and organ recital at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 13, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital features a Mendelssohn organ sonata based on the choral tune *Vater unser*, a violin/organ duet on *Be Thou My Vision*, and *Souvenir de Sarasate*, a lively fiddle-style piece with double-stops and left-hand pizzicato. Ymker will be accompanied by Dordt University seniors Jenna De Jong of Rock Valley, Iowa, and Karli Vreugdenhil of Orange City, Iowa.

Dordt University student Kylie Sorensen will present a senior voice recital at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 14, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature works sung in various languages, including Hebrew, German, French, Spanish, and Italian. Genres will include 20th Century and Jazz styles and Musical Theatre selections such as from the musical *Hamilton*. A highlight of the recital is the piece *Alto's Lament* by Zina Goldrich because it allows Sorensen to showcase her personality and love of performing. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

--Announcements (2-week limit) for the Community Bulletin are due by Thursday at 1:00 p.m., email: office@firstcroc.org